
**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC)
600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 6th Floor•Los Angeles CA 90005-4001**

FINAL

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, February 1, 2007

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

St. Anne's Maternity Home - Foundation Conference Room
155 N. Occidental Blvd.- Los Angeles, CA 90026

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kafi Battersby
Cesar Cuadra
Daniel Deniz
Mario Gonzalez
Jeffrey King
Miguel Martinez
Vicky Ortega*
Sophia Rumanes
Enrique Topete

Scott Campbell
Trevor Daniels
David Giugni
Michael Green*
Lee Kochems
Jorge Montoya
Ricardo Rosales
Terry Smith
Kathy Watt

ABSENT

Philip Hendricks
Daniel Rivas
Tim Young

* Denotes present at one (1) of the roll calls

OAPP STAFF PRESENT

Chi-Wai Au
David Pieribone

Elizabeth Escobedo
Rosario Vasquez

Kashari Jones

Pamela Ogata

PPC MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

II. COLLOQUIA PRESENTATION – “The Transgender Research Youth Project (TRYP): A Snapshot of the Lives and HIV Risk Behaviors of MTF Transgender Youth in Los Angeles and Chicago”

Dr. Rose Veniegas, Associate Director of CHIPTS introduced Dr. Marvin Belcher, Bamby Salcedo, Miguel Martinez, MPH/MSW and Erin C. Wilson, MPH of the Division of Adolescent Medicine at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. The presenters began with a brief synopsis of the goals of the TRYP as well as an overview of the community-based participatory research model employed in this study. Data was presented to highlight key demographic, social, and community level factors important in the lives of MTF transgender youth in Los Angeles and Chicago. Risk for HIV and important HIV risk behaviors among MTF transgender youth in Los Angeles and Chicago was discussed.

Attached is a copy of the Power Point presentation titled, “ATN 039; The Transgender Research Youth Project (TRYP): A Snapshot of the Lives and HIV Risk Behaviors of MTF Transgender Youth in Los Angeles and Chicago”.

After the presentation, there was a question and answer period.

III. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

The DRAFT February 1, 2007 HIV Prevention Planning Committee Meeting Agenda was reviewed and a motion was made to move Public Comment after Review/Approval of Meeting Summary and withdraw Motion #3 on agenda and referred issue/concern back to committee. The motion to approve the amended agenda passed by consensus.

MOTION #1: Approve the February 1, 2007 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Agenda.	<i>Motion to amend agenda passed by consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
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IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

The DRAFT January 4, 2007 HIV Prevention Planning Committee Meeting Summary was reviewed and approved by consensus.

MOTION #2: Approve January 4, 2007 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Summary	<i>Passed by Consensus with no corrections.</i>	MOTION PASSED
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V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Darrin Aiken, APLA, announced and invited everyone to the APLA Community Forum on Black Men and Crystal Meth scheduled for February 22, 2007. Flyers are on the back table.
- Tony Wafford, Palms Residential, announced a number of events scheduled by Palms Residential Care for Black History Month. Additionally, Mr. Wafford challenged the PPC to explore some of the possibilities of having activities in the African American community.
- Tyrone Carter, Reach LA, in honor of Black History Month and the National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD), Mr. Carter read an excerpt from a speech and encouraged the PPC to explore more options for handling the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the African American community.
- Valerie Wagner, APLA, is soliciting the assistance of the PPC to combat the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the African American community.
- Rev. Russell Thornhill, Minority AIDS Project (MAP), congratulated Terry Smith for being one of the PPC Community Co-Chairs and announced for National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day an HIV Testing Event scheduled for Saturday, February 10, 2007 at 9:00 AM at Ted Watkins Park (103rd Street and Central Avenue). Flyers are on the back table.
- Richard Hamilton provided some background on National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD), highlighted some of the events (i.e. human billboard in Leimert Park on February 7th), and distributed 2007 NBHAAD schedules to PPC members. Additional schedules were placed on the back table.

- Willis Edwards, NAACP, encouraged everyone to do what they can from where they are and expressed interest in the “One-Stop” gap centers (holistic centers) for the eradication of HIV/AIDS.
- Greg Wilson, In the Meantime Mens Group, Inc., encouraged the development of long term goals for the prevention of HIV/AIDS for African American males between 18-29 years of age in Los Angeles County.
- Jeffrey King, In the Meantime Mens Group, Inc., announced Happy Black History Month and much respect to the coordinators of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Month and National Black LGBTQ Unity Week. Additionally, Mr. King shared responsibility and accountability should be shared with local, state and federal governments to be proactive in the area of HIV prevention and care in the African American community.
- Ray Fernandez, APLA, offered words of encouragement for HIV/AIDS service providers who work with people of color.
- Elton Naswood, APLA, offered his collaboration with the African American community in honoring Black History Month, and encouraged everyone to work together and collaborate to combat the statistics.

IV. GOVERNMENTAL CO-CHAIRS REPORT

Sophia Rumanes thanked everyone for their Public Comment and welcomed new members Cesar Cuadra and Jorge Montoya to the PPC.

Sophia Rumanes announced continuation of prevention programs and new programs began on January 1, 2007. Newer programs address the recommendations identified in the Crystal Meth Task Force and African American Men who have Sex with Men Task Force and some recommendations put in the Addendum to the Prevention Plan developed by the PPC. Three new programs have been funded based on the Crystal Meth Task Force Recommendations and approximately six new/augmented programs have been funded based on the African American MSM Task Force Recommendations.

Ms. Rumanes shared the State Office of AIDS Community Planning Group (CPG) made a motion to have the State of California have their funded jurisdictions that they fund put together an African American MSM and HIV Prevention Action Plan. The State of California Office of AIDS convened the group of jurisdictions.

Ms. Rumanes announced the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released the publication of eighteen (18) Best Evidence Interventions (EBI's). Additionally, Ms. Rumanes provided some background on the development of Evidence Based Interventions (EBIs) and DEBIs. Copies of the EBI's are included in the meeting packets. The January, 2007 issues of the American Journal of Public Health discusses the methodology and selection criteria.

Dr. Michael Green shared the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) has received the Guidance for the completion of the CDC Annual Progress Report (APR), which summarizes the activities for the prior calendar year grant cycle. OAPP staff is in the process of collecting the information and putting everything together. The date for the PPC to review the document has not been determined. John Mesta later shared the date will be March 15, 2007 (for 4 to 6 hours).

Additionally, Dr. Green shared the leadership of the CDC Prevention Bureau will be visiting Los Angeles County. Dr. Kevin Fenton, Director of NCHHSTP will be examining how programs across specific diseases interact and coordinate services and will look at CDC directly funded demonstration projects.

V. COMMUNITY CO-CHAIRS REPORT

Kathy Watt shared the PPC Co-Chairs will be meeting within the next 2 weeks to develop the timeline for creation of the next Prevention Plan. Ms. Watt encouraged community members to participate in Subcommittee activities.

A community member asked the question, “Is any entity within the PPC or in cooperation with OAPP making a specific request for an increase in Prevention funding?” Response: A specific request for additional funding for Crystal Meth treatment as HIV prevention. There is an ongoing dialogue with OAPP and the State of California regarding resource distribution.

VIII. BREAK

IX. INTRODUCTION TO LA COUNTY EPIDEMIOLOGY PRESENTATION

Dr. Michael Green provided a power point presentation on how the epidemiology statistics and data can be used to help formulate plans to respond to the HIV epidemic. The presentation included an overview, definitions of key terms, data, statistics and defined Epidemiology as “the study of the distribution of and determinance of disease in a specified population in order to promote, protect and restore health in that population”.

A copy of the Power Point presentation titled, “Introduction to Los Angeles County HIV Epidemiology” is attached.

After the presentation, there was a question and answer period.

X. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Operations – Enrique Topete reported the Operations Subcommittee is focusing on the development of the next Prevention Plan and the Operations Subcommittee has been charged with: developing the resource inventory, developing the scope of work for the consultant, developing the Prevention Plan overview, layout, cover, appendices, summarizing the Annual Planning Meeting evaluations and increasing youth participation on the PPC.

MOTION #3: Approve Shirley Bushnell’s PPC Membership Application	WITHDREW MOTION	MOTION WITHDRAWN
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- Evaluation – Miguel Martinez reported the Evaluation Subcommittee continues to focus their efforts on the Los Angeles County HIV Needs Assessment (LACHNA) and an ad hoc committee has been formed to assist in the develop and review of the questions to be included in the Prevention portion of the Needs Assessment. Over the course of the next few weeks, the LACHNA ad hoc committee will be forwarding the survey instrument(s) and protocol to the Evaluation Subcommittee and it is anticipated that the prevention portion of the LACHNA will be finalized by the next Evaluation Subcommittee meeting (02/26/07). In order to complete the CDC Annual Progress Report (APR), the Evaluation

Subcommittee will be reviewing the draft PPC Membership Survey. Additionally, the Evaluation Subcommittee is developing a secondary data database which will be reviewed at the February 26, 2007 Evaluation Subcommittee Meeting.

- Standards & Best Practices – Trevor Daniels, Standards and Best Practices Deputy Chair, reported Standards & Best Practices met on January 25th and revised the Standards & Best Practices Work Plan. The Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee continues to work on contacting researchers for EBIs and DEBIs, developing the Clinical Supervisor Staffing Competencies and the next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2007. The next HIV Counseling and Testing Work Group Meeting is scheduled for February 15th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.
- Public Policy Committee – Kathy Watt reported Public Policy met and discussed the HIV Testing in Prisons Bill and a conference call meeting is scheduled for the end of February, 2007.

XI. STANDING REPORTS

- UCHAPS/AIDS Action – Kathy Watt reported UCHAPS will be meeting in Miami at the end of February, 2007 because the next jurisdiction recommended for membership to UCHAPS is Miami. Sophia Rumanes shared the topics to be discussed at the February, 2007 UCHAPS Meeting: reviewing the UCHAPS HIV Counseling and Testing position, how different jurisdictions use geo-mapping, Partner Counseling and Referral Services (PCRS), and PEMS (currently on hold).

An AIDS Action Meeting is scheduled for next week. Ms. Watt shared HIV Prevention is incorporated throughout the AIDS Action Plan for the coming year.

Kathy Watt placed a motion on the floor to approve Ricki Rosales as the PPC representative to UCHAPS and Terry Smith as the alternate representative to UCHAPS. The motion was seconded by Miguel Martinez. A motion passed by consensus.

MOTION #4: Approve Ricki Rosales as the representative and Terry Smith as the alternate to UCHAPS	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
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- Commission on HIV (COH) Report – Kathy Watt reported the COH is restructuring subcommittees (Finance, Priorities and Planning, and Recruitment, Diversity and By Laws). The needs and barriers of consumers of care related services were discussed. The COH is in the process of its annual recruitment drive and looking for Latinos, Native Americans and Asians to fill seats. All of the COH seats are termed out or will be terming out due to the COH reorganization. The next COH meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8th at 9:30 AM at St. Anne's Maternity Home.
- City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator's Office – Ricki Rosales shared the City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator's Office is in the middle of negotiating next years budget with the Mayor's Office and Los Angeles City Council. The City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator's Office has experienced some set backs with their Neighborhood Study. The City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator's Office has begun working on contracts for next year. The City of Los Angeles will mostly likely renew last year's contract for another

year. The City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator's Office is negotiating for next year's Post Exposure Prophylaxis Study probably with UCLA.

- City of West Hollywood – David Giugni shared a Crystal Meth Community Town Hall Forum is being scheduled in April, 2007 to address treatment options. The contract with the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center for transgender job placement and outreach was finalized and approved by the West Hollywood City Council in December, 2006 and the program started in January, 2007.
- City of Long Beach – Mario Gonzalez shared the Gay Mens Health Summit is in the planning stage and the next meeting is February 20th at the Gay and Lesbian Center of Long Beach. The Long Beach and SPA 8 Needs Assessment is in its last stage. The City of Long Beach is hosting A State of AIDS Report on February 6th at 5:00 PM at the Long Beach City Hall.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jorge Montoya, STD Programs, announced STD Programs has been charged with developing a social marketing campaign targeting women of color and MSM primarily in SPA 4 and SPA 6 and at least three advisory group meetings for women of color have occurred. STD Programs is awaiting approval from the Board of Supervisors on the contracts to schedule the focus groups. All of the presentations and discussions from these meetings are posted online for women of color: www.lapublichealth.org/STD/woc.htm and for MSM: www.lapublichealth.org/STD/msm_cag.htm.

In an attempt to address the large number of cases of women of color with gonorrhea and syphilis cases of MSM, STD Programs has augmented the number of Public Health Investigators by five and one Public Health Manager. Additionally, STD Programs has hired an Analyst to help with the formative research and evaluation of the social marketing campaign.

- David Pieribone announced OAPP is recruiting for Community Materials Review Panel and distributed a job description with contact information.
- Vicky Ortega announced the Imperial Court of Los Angeles and Hollywood is hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, February 3rd. Please see Ms. Ortega for tickets.
- Jeffrey King announced In The Meantime Men's Group will be hosting a HIV/AIDS Community Town Hall Forum focusing on the African American family on Tuesday, February 6th at 7:30 PM.
- Joanne Granai, Antelope Valley Hope Foundation, announced her appointment as SPA 1 SPN Coordinator.
- Terry Smith announced and congratulated Kafi Battersby for her departure from Reach LA as she moves forward as a Research Assistant at UCLA.
- John Mesta announced OAPP is proposing the PPC review of the CDC Annual Progress Report (APR) to take place on March 15th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. A confirmation email will be sent.

XIII. CLOSING ROLL CALL

XV. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned

Note: All agenda items are subject to action.

MOTION AND VOTING SUMMARY		
MOTION: #1: Approve February 1, 2007 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Agenda.	<i>Motion to amend agenda passed by consensus</i>	Motion Passed
MOTION # 2: Approve January 4, 2007 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Summary.	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	Motion Passed
MOTION #3: Approve Shirley Bushnell's application for PPC Membership	<i>Motion was referred back to Committee</i>	Withdrew Motion
MOTION #4: Approve Ricki Rosales as the representative to UCHAPS and Terry Smith as the alternate representative to UCHAPS	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	Motion Passed

NOTE: All HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) meeting summaries, tapes and documents are available for review and inspection at the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) located at 600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 2nd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90005. To make an appointment to review these documents, please call Cheryl Williams at (213) 351-8126.